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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 235
By Boner

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the congregation of
the Faith Is The Victory Church of Nashville
upon the church's 20th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, this legislative body finds it appropriate to recognize and congratulate those
churches who through faith, values and unfaltering commitment are celebrating a special day of
achievement; and

WHEREAS, Faith Is The Victory Church of Nashville is one such outstanding religious
institution, celebrating 20 years of excellence; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 1976, a group of thirty Christians met for Bible study at a
home where they were taught by Pastor Charles Cowan; and

WHEREAS, on the first Sunday of May, 1977, the Bible study had moved to Zophi Street
in Inglewood; and

WHEREAS, in the first few years, the congregation of thirty eventually grew to the point
where a larger facility was necessary; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the church leased one-third of a 20,000 square foot warehouse that
was refurbished by the members; and

WHEREAS, by 1982, the sanctuary was enlarged to seat 400 people, and was soon
filled to capacity; and

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WHEREAS, by March, 1983, the entire 20,000 square foot warehouse was taken over by the church, and the members worked assiduously to renovate the interior; and

WHEREAS, the congregation continued to enlarge, and in 1985 the Church purchased seventeen and one-half acres at the intersection of I-65 Briley and Ellington Parkways; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 1997 the church will break new ground for a larger sanctuary, which will provide additional classroom and office space to accommodate over 2,000 people; and

WHEREAS, churches such as the Faith Is The Victory Church are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to specially recognize the Faith Is The Victory Church of Nashville on its 20th Anniversary as one of the outstanding religious institutions of this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Pastor Charles Cowan and the entire congregation of the Faith Is The Victory Church of Nashville on 20 years of service, commitment and dedication to the Nashville community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.